



Year 8 Milestone Criteria

English – Literature Assessment

AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts. You should be able to:

- maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response
- use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations.

AO2: Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.

AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

AO4: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

PURPLE	AO1	Critical, exploratory, conceptualised response to task and whole text.		
	AO1	Judicious use of precise references to support interpretation(s).		
	AO2	Analysis of writer’s methods with subject terminology used judiciously.		
	AO2	Exploration of effects of writer’s methods on reader.		
	AO3	Exploration of ideas/perspectives/contextual factors shown by specific, detailed links between context/text/task.		
	AO4	Spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy, and consistently use vocabulary and sentence structures to achieve effective control of meaning.		
BLUE	AO1	Detailed response to task and whole text.		
	AO1	References and quotations are embedded into explanations.		
	AO2	Clear explanation of writer’s methods with appropriate use of a range of subject terminology.		
	AO2	Clear understanding of effects of a range of writer’s methods on reader.		
	AO3	Clear understanding of implicit ideas/perspectives/ contextual factors shown by specific links between context/text/task		
	AO4	Spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy, and use a considerable range of vocabulary and sentence structures to achieve general control of meaning.		
GREEN	AO1	Clear, explained response to task and whole text.		
	AO1	Effective use of references to support explanation.		
	AO2	Clear explanation of writer’s methods with appropriate use of relevant subject terminology.		
	AO2	Understanding of effects of writer’s methods on reader.		
	AO3	Clear understanding of ideas/perspectives/ contextual factors shown by specific links between context/text/task		
	AO4	Spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy, and use a considerable range of vocabulary and sentence structures to achieve general control of meaning.		
YELLOW	AO1	Some explained response to task and whole text.		
	AO1	References used to support a range of relevant comments.		
	AO2	Explained/relevant comments on writer’s methods with some relevant use of subject terminology.		
	AO2	Identification of effects of writer’s methods on reader.		
	AO3	Some understanding of explicit ideas/ perspectives/contextual factors shown by links between context/text/task.		
	AO4	Basic spelling and punctuation is generally accurate. Any errors do not hinder meaning.		